

# SHYAM SHARMA ENGLISH CLASSES

For SSC, UPSC (CSAT, Compulsory), Bank Po/Clerk and other Competitive Exams.....

## TEST-1

**Directions (1 to 5):** Some of the sentences may have errors, the part containing error that should be your correct response. In case no error your response should be (d) no error.

1. I would like to invite /(a) my friend's, Mohan brother-in-law /(b) to attend my birthday party /(c) no error / (d)
2. Whenever you say/(a) anything wrong about me, I feel myself so bad that/(b) I can't explain it. /(c) no error /(d)
3. The book which I purchased/(a) last month was far better than /(b) all other book available in the book store in my sight. /(c) no error /(d)
4. Honesty always has and (a)/ will always be (b)/ a great virtue. (c)/ No error (d)
5. He told me that when he saw/(a) her, she was running in the ground /(b) along with her sisters. /(c) no error /(d)

**Directions (6 to 10):** Sentences are given with blanks to be filled in with an appropriate word/phrase. Four alternatives are suggested for each question. Choose the correct alternatives out of the four.

6. I don't think he has so much money that he may deal.....heavy machinery.  
(a) With (b) to  
(c) for (d) in
7. I didn't kill him, in fact he died .....cancer.  
(a) With (b) to  
(c) for (d) of
8. I slept for many hours ..... the shade of a mango tree.  
(a) in (b) under  
(c) for (d) of
9. This food is deficient .....vitamins and minerals.  
(a) in (b) with  
(c) down (d) off
10. Police must have to enquire .....this matter.  
(a) into (b) under  
(c) to (d) in

**Directions (11 to 15):** Four alternatives are given for the idiom/phrase underlined in the sentence. Choose the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the idiom/phrase.

11. My boss is waiting for a chance to pick a hole in my coat.  
(a) to tear my coat  
(b) to borrow money from me  
(c) to find fault with me  
(d) to withhold my salary
12. If you want to see your business prosper, every one of you should pull your weight.  
(a) use influential friends  
(b) work as hard as other people  
(c) enhance your company's image  
(d) remove unproductive employees

13. They have to face the music for their deeds.

- (a) to enjoy a musical recital
- (b) to bear the consequences
- (c) to live in a pleasant atmosphere
- (d) to have a difficult time

14. I think it's time to call it a day.

- (a) to conclude proceedings
- (b) to initiate proceedings
- (c) to work through the day
- (d) None of the above.

15. I don't think that he can put up with his insult.

- (a) to accommodate
- (b) to adjust
- (c) to understand
- (d) to tolerate

**Directions (16 to 20):** Out of the four alternatives, choose the one which best expresses the meaning of the given word.

16. CORRODE

- (a) decay (b) improve
- (c) slapdash (d) lackadaisical

17. VINDICTIVE

- (a) careless (b) spiteful
- (c) heedless (d) refined

18. ACRIMONY

- (a) curiosity (b) placidness
- (c) brutality (d) animosity

19. VICIOUSNESS

- (a) nastiness (b) sociability
- (c) easiness (d) affability

20. FALLIBLE

- (a) virtuous (b) imperfect
- (c) flawless (d) retiring

**Directions (21 to 25):** Out of the four alternatives, choose the word opposite in meaning to the given word.

21. ENDORSE

- (a) sanction (b) condemn
- (c) authorise (d) exceed

22. PRAGMATIC

- (a) realistic (b) fictitious
- (c) impractical (d) factual

23. PERKY

- (a) flippant (b) giddy
- (c) serious (d) trivial

24. INHIBIT  
 (a) prevent (b) curb  
 (c) encourage (d) imprison
25. VIVACIOUS  
 (a) energetic (b) languid  
 (c) chirpy (d) spirited

**Directions (26 to 30):** A part of the sentence is underlined. Below are given alternatives to the underlined part at (a), (b) and (c) which may improve the sentence. Choose the correct alternative. In case no improvement is needed your answer is (d).

26. He is one who gives money or helps other who has been instrumental in the upliftment of many poverty stricken people.  
 (a) a philosopher (b) a philatelist  
 (c) a philanthropist (d) No improvement
27. Don't shut the door, do you?  
 (a) won't you? (b) doesn't he?  
 (c) will you? (d) No improvement
28. He tried his level best, nonetheless he couldn't succeed his goal.  
 (a) or (b) whereas  
 (c) nevertheless (d) No improvement
29. The British superiority all over Africa and Asia collapsed in the first half of the twentieth century.  
 (a) domicile (b) residence  
 (c) dominion (d) No improvement
30. As far as I think, he would rather to work than to sleep now.  
 (a) to work than sleep  
 (b) working than sleeping  
 (c) work than sleep  
 (d) No improvement

**Directions (31 to 35):** Out of the four alternatives, choose the one which can be substituted for the given words/sentences.

31. That which can't be burnt  
 (a) Incendiary (b) Incantatory  
 (c) Inflammable (d) incombustible
32. Young cow that has not yet had a calf  
 (a) Cowlet (b) Colt  
 (c) Ewe (d) Heifer
33. Science dealing with bird life  
 (a) Zymology (b) Ornithology  
 (c) Etymology (d) Philology
34. One who is from 60 to 69 years old  
 (a) Sexton (b) septuagenarian  
 (c) Sexagenarian (d) Sextuplet
35. Someone who keeps bees  
 (a) Apiarist (b) Horticulturist  
 (c) Ornithologist (d) Pathologist

**Directions (36 to 40):** Groups of four words are given. In each group, one word is correctly spelt. Find the correctly spelt word.

36. (a) Camoflage (b) Camouflage  
 (c) Camoflaug (d) Camoflege
37. (a) Ambiguous (b) Ambieguous  
 (c) Ambegous (d) Ambigeous

38. (a) Encyclopida (b) Encyclopedia  
 (c) Encyclopeedia (d) Encyclopaedia
39. (a) Renaissance (b) Renaisance  
 (c) Reneisance (d) Renaissance
40. (a) Expiditious (b) Expedisious  
 (c) Expeditous (d) Expeditious

**Directions (41 to 50):** In the following passage, some of the words have been left out. First read the passage over and try to understand what it is about. Then fill in the blanks with the help of the alternatives given.

**PASSAGE -1**

“Quit India” came not from the lips but the aching hearts of millions. In this open rebellion, the Indian....(41).....reached its climax. The British were not only....(42).....by it, but also were obliged to quit unilaterally. The importance of Quit India can be....(43).....from Lord Linlithgow's statement, “I am engaged here in meeting by far the most....(44).....rebellion since that of 1857, the gravity and extent of which we have so far....(45).....from the world for reasons of military security.” Still more significant was Churchill's gloomy disclosure to the King Emperor that, “the idea of....(46).....of power had become an admitted....(47).....in the minds of British party leaders,” although his public statements were diametrically opposite. The....(48).....created by Quit India made the British....(49).....that they could no longer keep India in....(50).....

41. (a) freedom (b) patriotism  
 (c) liberation (d) revolution
42. (a) threatened (b) inspired  
 (c) attacked (d) impressed
43. (a) diffused (b) gauged  
 (c) established (d) determined
44. (a) trivial (b) magnificent  
 (c) serious (d) auspicious
45. (a) excluded (b) elicited  
 (c) prevented (d) concealed
46. (a) transfer (b) seizure  
 (c) grabbing (d) detainment
47. (a) tactics (b) fantasy  
 (c) Inevitability (d) occurrence
48. (a) violence (b) taboos  
 (c) vengeance (d) anarchy
49. (a) imagine (b) anxious  
 (c) realise (d) anxious
50. (a) power (b) bondage  
 (c) exile (d) suspense